

## VALUES FOR ASSESSORS

NEW MEXICO COUNTY OFFICERS  
HOLD TWO-DAY SESSIONAsk State Board of Equalization About  
Values for Assessment Purposes  
for Coming Year.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Santa Fé.—The assessors and county commissioners representing sixteen of the twenty-six counties of the state closed a two day's session here and adjourned until next fall at a date to be fixed by the officers of each association.

Antonio Lucero, secretary of state, W. G. Sargent, state auditor, and Hugh Williams, chairman of the corporation commission, all made talks to the county officials. Harvey M. Shields made an address urging harmony and unity of purpose between the state board and the county authorities.

The following questions were addressed to the State Board of Equalization:

Would your board approve of the various assessors securing the actual valuation of personal property from the tax payers at the time property is listed for taxation?

Would your board be willing, before asking a blanket raise, on property of any class, to summon the assessors or one of the county commissioners of the county in which the raise is to be made, for consultation?

Would your board be willing, before transferring lands placed by assessing officers in a certain classification to another classification, to summon the assessors or commissioners of the county concerned for consultation?

Would your board be willing, in the case of raises made by you, to furnish to the assessing officers of the county in which such raise is made, and at the time of making the raise, a syllabus of your proceedings incidental to the said raise?

Would your board be willing to instruct the cattle and sheep sanitary boards to furnish, through their inspectors, all available data in regard to their departments to the assessors of the various counties showing, if possible, the ages and sexes of cattle shipped and the number of sheep dipped? We would respectfully suggest that the inspectors of the cattle and sheep sanitary boards be instructed to furnish the detailed information asked for to the respective county assessors.

The county commissioners elected officers for the coming year, Harvey M. Shields of Colfax county being re-elected to the presidency, and J. F. Findlay of Dona Ana county secretary. In the assessors' meeting, officers for the ensuing year were selected by the re-election of both president and secretary, Guy H. Herbert of Chaves county, and Fred B. Heyn of Bernalillo respectively.

## Large Shipments of Cattle.

Santa Fé.—The State Cattle Sanitary Board gave out figures showing that New Mexico up to November 30 shipped out 304,880 head of cattle during the past eleven months, breaking all records. Grant and Luna counties lead with a total of 106,123 head. Otero county came next with 31,947; Chaves county with 24,135; Sandoval and Torrance counties together shipping 25,000 head. Other counties as follows: Colfax, 23,798; Union, 19,851; Quay and Guadalupe, 11,853; Eddy, 3,668; Socorro, 26,927; McKinley, 6,168; San Juan, 6,871; Dona Ana, 2,956; Albuquerque district, 12,331; Cimarron, 3,881; Taos county district, 291; Magdalena district, 6,488. Three reasons are assigned for this heavy output: First, the steady curtailment of the open range, which has been going on for years; next, the short range, which has made wintering a problem in many districts; and the third is the unusually high range of prices which has obtained for all classes of stock.

## Gets \$2,700 from Eighteen Acres.

Lakewood.—As an evidence of what water and work will produce on the land in the Lakewood country the report of Gorgonio Dominguez, a native citizen, for the past season on tomatoes and cantaloupes is given. He raised 110 tons of tomatoes, sold to the cannery at \$15 a ton; 700 crates of tomatoes shipped at 60¢ a crate; 700 crates of cantaloupes shipped (price not known as the firm handling the shipments has never come through with any dinero) yet Dominguez derived \$2,700 from eighteen acres of ground.

Santa Fé.—Acasia Galegos, county clerk, and Lorenzo Zamora, Juan Cruz Sanchez and Librado Valencia, commissioners of Torrance county, were subpoenaed from office by Judge Colla Nebbett of Silver City, sitting for Judge E. L. Medler, pending the trial of presentments against them alleging incompetency and neglect of duty. The cases will be tried at Carrizozo in March. Under the law the governor appoints their successors.

## Business Increases.

Santa Fé.—The State Corporation Commission business seems to be picking up. In December, 1912, the fees received amounted to \$1,036.75, while twenty days in December, 1913, show fees received amounting to \$2,310.70. One of the big items of this month is the fee from the Gulf, New Mexico & Pacific railroad amounting to \$1,213.50, but even subtracting that, twenty days in the present December, run about \$100 more than the entire month last year.

## NEW MEXICO NEWS

Gathered From

## All Parts of the State

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Trees are being put out on the court house square in Santa Rosa.

Sixty scholars are in attendance at the public school of San Jon.

The state sale of lands at Deming resulted in disposing of 9,091 acres for \$136,488.

The drys won by fifteen votes at Nara Visa at the recent election on local option.

Active work on a road from Taos to Caliente switch on the D. & R. G., is in progress.

The Quay County Development Association has filed incorporation papers with the corporation commission.

Figures compiled by the state educational department show a paid membership in the New Mexico Educational Association of 1,248.

During the recent heavy snow storms and severe cold weather, the sheepmen of Taos county were heavy financial losers with their sheep.

Adolph P. Hill of Santa Fé, M. McCleary of Magdalena and L. Pascual Martinez of Taos have been appointed postmasters by President Wilson.

New Mexico farmers are beginning to receive their allotments of farm and garden seeds from the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

Three men were buried by a cave-in while working in a trench laying drain tiling near the W. B. Wilson place, south about seven miles from Carlsbad.

John Knoblock, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Knoblock, old residents of Magdalena, was almost instantly killed when his gun was accidentally discharged.

Endee would seem to have a corner on the rabbit market. It recently made a shipment of 1,500. One hunter claims to have succeeded in securing 315 in a day and a half.

John H. Hartley, blacksmith, aged thirty-four years and a resident of Silver City and vicinity for five or six years, was found dead in his bed at Lowell, near Bisbee, Ariz.

The Calumet Commercial Company, an Arizona corporation, capitalized at \$2,000,000, has been granted permission to enter New Mexico. The concern's agent in this state is Vance Carrothers of Florine.

Fire completely destroyed the sheet iron cottage and contents at the corner of Pinos Altos and Broadway streets in Silver City. The house was occupied by Dr. Hunsberger and owned by Mrs. Lettie B. Morrill.

Charles Epps of Cuervo is reported to have paid \$25,000 for the Charles Summer ranch southwest of Cuervo. It consists of 2,200 acres of deeded land and 3,800 acres of leased land. It is extensively improved and stocked.

The following postoffices will be discontinued after December 31: Chaparralito in San Miguel county, mail to La Lientre; Hillario in San Miguel county, mail to Tremontina; Mountaintop in Luna county, mail to Deming; Sapello in San Miguel county, mail for this place to be sent to Los Alamos.

H. Capers of Endee, who a month ago lost six head of good horses on his ranch six miles north of Endee, by what was diagnosed by Drs. Corbin and Owens (who held a post mortem examination) as "forage poison," has during the past few days lost nineteen head of thoroughbred Hereford cattle.

The Santa Fé railroad has tendered the sum of \$1,733.45 to the collector of San Juan county in payment of that county's taxes for 1912 in that county, but the tender has been refused, since the 1912 assessment was supposed to be made on full valuation and it is contended that the amount should be something like \$5,300.

Re-organization of the cantaloupe division of the Berrondo Growers' Association was effected at Roswell at a meeting held in the Commercial Club rooms. A. D. Crile was re-elected manager for next year, and all business was up for the year just closing. Only 200 acres have been signed up for next year.

A posthumous son was born to Mrs. A. S. Brookes, widow of the late adjutant General Brookes, whose death occurred several weeks ago after a brief illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Brookes is the daughter of Col. George E. Bushnell, commanding officer at Fort Bayard, where the United States military sanatorium is located.

G. C. Bero of Farmington took a box of apples with him to the Home Mission convention at Washington, D. C. He and Mrs. Bero told the convention of the needs of the mission at Farmington and decided to sell the apples. One apple brought \$5 and several sold for \$1 apiece, and then a woman said she would take the remainder of the box for \$200, making the total receipts for one box over \$200.

Enoch A. Cann, a brakeman, slipped and fell from a car that was being switched at Silver City and both legs were cut off just below the body and the unfortunate young man died within two hours after being removed to the Ladies' hospital.

In the famous state treasurer case, in which it was sought to compel O. N. Marron, state treasurer, to invest the principal of the permanent school fund in the bonds of the State Highway Commission, the Supreme Court denied the writ of mandamus asked for.

## "WHY I EMIGRATED"

THE NOTES OF A PROMINENT  
JOURNALIST WHO MADE A  
TRIP THROUGH WESTERN  
CANADA.

A prominent journalist from Chicago, some time ago, made a journey through Canada obtaining a thorough knowledge of the land and people and of the "boundless possibilities" that Canada, the virgin land, affords. In an American Sunday newspaper he published after his return the interesting account which we print as follows. He writes:

"Why did you emigrate from the United States?" I asked a farmer in Western Canada.

"I believe that for a poor man Western Canada is the most favorable land," was the reply, "and I have now found that it is the Paradise of the Poor."

The farmer, a pioneer of the west, had five years earlier left Iowa for Canada to secure a new home there. After traversing the country for some time, he started his home on the open prairie and with steady industry devoted himself to the working of the virgin soil. Now he is the well-to-do owner of that endless sea of waving wheat ears that goes on for miles before my eyes. His strong, sunburned figure finds the best background in his farm itself, which is the outcome of his ceaseless activity—a pretty two-story dwelling house, a large clean stable, in the midst of a hamlet of barns, sheds and outbuildings, a useful garden overflowing with products; horses, cattle, sheep and swine on the rich pastures, and around to the horizon wheat, golden wheat.

"In Iowa," the farmer continued, "I farmed on rented land, for at the price of \$100 per acre I did not possess money enough to buy. I might farm, I might farm as I could, more than the living for myself and family, I could not attain. Sometimes the harvest turned out good, sometimes bad, but the grand total was a bitter combat to keep want from the door. It was impossible to lay by for bad times and in spite of all trouble and work an old age free of care was not to be thought of. My death would have brought bitter poverty to my wife and children."

"I decided to break-up and go to Canada, where at least I could fight out the struggle for existence on my own land. I started out with a mule team, all my earthly possessions were in the prairie-schooner with my wife and children. Then I took up a homestead of 160 acres to which I added by purchase gradually; now as a whole I count about 3,000 acres as my own. The whole property is free of debt. I do not owe a cent to anyone. I bought my land for \$2-\$10 per acre, now I would not give it up for \$50."

"Do you mean to say that you paid for the whole land in the five years?" I interrupted.

"In a much shorter time," replied the farmer. "The land paid for itself, some already by the first harvest, and at longest in 3 years each field had brought in its purchase price. If you doubt that land in Western Canada pays for itself within 3 years you can easily convince yourself of the truth of my assertion. Let us assume that a farmer buys a farm of 160 A. at \$15 per A. for \$2,400. Farm machines, seed, ploughs, mowing and threshing might bring up the outlay to about \$10 per acre. If the farmer sows the 160 A. for 3 years in succession with wheat and harvests 20 bus. per acre, then the product of an A. at the average price of 75¢ per bu. is exactly \$15 per acre. If you deduct the \$10 outlay, you will retain a clear return of \$5.00. For 160 A. the annual excess amounts to \$800, consequently the farm has after the third harvest brought in the purchase price of \$2,400."

"Sometimes—and not rarely—the land pays for itself by the first harvest of 35 bus. of wheat bring in more than the purchase price of \$15 per acre. As in some years I harvested more than 35 bus., you can reckon for yourself how quickly I paid for my farm."

"Would you not prefer your own farm in Iowa?" I asked.

"No," replied the farmer, "never will I go back. In general very few American settlers return to the old home. In Iowa a 160 A. farm costs \$100 per A., \$16,000; in Western Canada \$15, only \$2,400. For the same money that you require to buy a 160 A. farm in Iowa, you can buy here in Western Canada a farm of 1,000 acres. I have money enough to buy a farm in Iowa, if I wished. But there my yearly income would be a small one, whereas here I work for a great gain. There I would only be a small farmer, here I am a large landed proprietor."

In a corner of the farmyard I had during our conversation noticed a mound of earth overgrown with grasses and wild flowers. To my inquiry as to what it was, I received the reply: "That is the ruin of the wooden shack covered with soda, which I called my home when I settled here five years ago."

I gathered a wild aster from the ruin and flung it into the air. In a purplish-glittering line the wind drove the flower towards the fine, modern-equipped farmhouse. What a contrast between the lowly earthy hut of yesterday and charming palace of today! This contrast says enough to the unbounded possibilities, which this new

land offers to the willing worker. How the poor emigrant on the open prairie, through energy and activity, within 5 years worked his way up to being a well-to-do farmer and esteemed citizen! More, the farmer did not require to say. Why did he emigrate? WHY? Why I saw the answer with my own eyes.—Advertisement.

## Tea From Coffee Leaves.

Tea, as everybody knows, is made from leaves, while coffee is derived from berries or beans. Just here is where something has been overlooked, in the opinion of a scientific investigator. The leaves of the coffee plant are not only available for making a beverage, but they possess properties which make them more valuable than the coffee beans.

In appearance and fragrance the dried coffee leaves very much resemble those of the tea plant. An infusion of them being made, just as in the case of ordinary tea, an aromatic beverage is produced that is bitter to the taste, but not disagreeably so, and which contains almost as much theine as real tea, while there is a much smaller proportion of tannin.

It may yet be possible to grow tea and coffee on the same plant.

## His Message.

"That man has a look of profound wisdom. I'm anxious to hear what he has to say."

"Well?"

"Good heavens! He's announcing that he has on exhibition the only three-legged chicken in existence."

## Heard on the Train.

"Does your boss ever find fault with you?"

"Never."

"He must be a fine sort of a man."

"He is; I work for myself."

A teaspoonful of gossip will taint a kettleful of pure truth.

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## Mean Swindle.

Bishop Blougram, at a tea in Denver, said of the exploitation of "white slavery" by novelists and playwrights: "These weak writers can't even shock us. They have neither the pluck nor the power to shock us. And thus those who read their rapid stories or see their rapid plays are fooled as badly as the 75,000 German schoolgirls."

"In Germany, the other day, a second-rate inserted an advertisement in all the newspapers of the land—an advertisement of a book entitled 'What Every Young Girl Should Know Before Marriage.' This book would be sent securely sealed in a plain wrapper, on receipt of \$1.50. And so forth and so on."

"Well, 75,000 German girls each sent \$1.50 to the advertiser, and guess what they got for their money! They got a cook book."

It isn't a good plan to allow your regrets for yesterday to overshadow your hopes for tomorrow.

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Some men are almost as much afraid of microbes as some women are of mice.

Don't worry about what the world thinks of you. The world has several billions of other people to think about.

## All is Fish to the Net.

"Catch anything while you were away on your vacation?"

"Sure, I did. It weighed 28 pounds. You catch anything?"

"Uh-huh. I told you I would. She weighs 130 and her dad's worth half of a street railway company, an electric lighting plant and two breweries."

## Found a Flaw.

Little Pierre had been taken to the seaside and expressed himself on his return as disappointed with the ocean. "What's the matter with the sea?" asked his surprised father. "Isn't it big enough, my boy?"

"Yes—but it has only one shore."

## Suits Him, All Right.

Mrs. Enright—She says small checks will be in fashion for new fall suits.

Mr. Enright—Thank heaven!—Puck.

## Not the Kind.

"Mr. Jones put down his foot on his daughter Mabel's engagement to Billy."

"But not with the stamp of approval."

Don't buy water for bluing. Liquid blue is almost all water. Buy Red Cross Ball Blue, the blue that's all blue. Adv.

Many a fellow who goes hunting for a wife bags nothing but his trousers at the knees.

## Heading Him Off.

"Heaven lies about us in our infancy." Now—

"So does our father. Were you going to tell me something smart that your little boy had said?"

"All I have to say to you, sir, is good-day!"

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